

REMARKS

The last Office Action has been carefully considered.

It is noted that claims 1-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112.

At the same time, the Examiner indicated that claims 1-8 would be allowed if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C.112.

In connection with the rejection of the claims for formal reasons under 35 U.S.C. 112, the original claims have been canceled and replaced with a new set of claims including claim 9, the broadest claim on file, and claims 10-16 which depend on it.

The new claims have been drafted in accordance with the Examiner's requirements and in compliance with the requirements of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

It is believed that the new claims should be considered as being allowed by the Examiner.

At the same time, applicant amended the specification, also to bring it in compliance with the requirements of the U.S. Patent Practice, by providing corresponding headings.

It is believed that the present application should be considered now as being in allowable condition.

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application is most respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner require or consider it advisable that the specification, claims and/or drawings be further amended or corrected in formal respects in order to place this case in condition for final allowance, then it is respectfully requested that such amendments or corrections be carried out by Examiner's Amendment, and the case be passed to issue. Alternatively, should the Examiner feel that a personal discussion might be helpful in advancing this case to allowance; he is invited to telephone the undersigned (at 631-549-4700).

Respectfully submitted,

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